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**Seattle cabinet contractor sentenced for felony theft of sales tax and filing false tax returns**

**SEATTLE, Wash.,** Sept. 10, 2004—A Seattle cabinet and construction company owner was sentenced today after pleading guilty to stealing more than \$188,816 in state sales tax on work he did for Seattle-area homeowners.

King County Superior Court Judge Paris Kallas sentenced Paul B. Vetter, 62, to eight months incarceration and ordered him to make full restitution to the Washington State Department of Revenue.

The Financial Crimes Unit of the Washington State Attorney General's Office had charged Vetter with two counts of first degree theft and two counts of filing false tax returns that grossly understated how much business he was doing and how much sales tax he had collected on that work.

The charges were brought at the request of the Department of Revenue, which uncovered the fraud during an audit of Vetter's company, Greenlake Cabinets and Construction Company, Inc.

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